



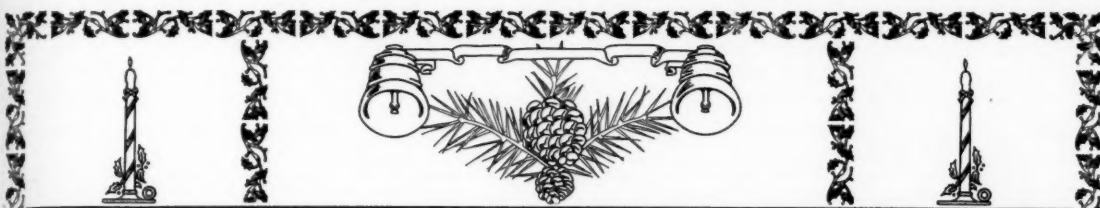
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A Missing Portrait?

By Bob Richardson

WITH all the brilliant victories won by his armies when they overran Europe there is more than a little irony in the fact that the only stamp portraying a scene from Napoleon's wars shows a defeat of the "eagles", a defeat deliberately arranged, and which proved a short-lived victory for the enemy.

Turn to Portugal's Third Independence Commemorative set of 1928, Scott's type A95, of which three bicolored stamps were issued, a 4c, 16c and 50c. In 1807 Napoleon had undertaken the conquest of the Iberian Peninsula and the two claimants to the Spanish throne in captivity, Marshal Junot advanced on the Portuguese capital, Lisbon, which he entered in November, the royal court fleeing to Brazil. Portugal being an ally of England, an expedition eventually sailed to begin the now famous Peninsular War. Landing at Mondego Bay, some 160 miles north of Lisbon, the army commenced an advance southward on August 5th. Junot's French commands were scattered, so to gain time he sent a skilled tactician, General Laborde, with 3500 men to check the British army of 13,000. At the little town of Rolicia, about 55 miles north of Lisbon the British were thus enabled on August 17th to attack Laborde with great numerical advantage and drove his army from the field with comparative ease. The scene on the stamps shows the British soldiers attacking with bayoneted muskets the French troops, the engraving being so excellent that the uniforms are easily distinguished. A Portuguese stamp commemorating a British victory over the French! The victory was brief, for Laborde retreated in good order for about a mile, where he made a stand on better disposed grounds, the battle when renewed proving sanguinary. Junot finding himself with insufficient forces to maintain himself in a hostile country signed an armistice with the English and withdrew from Portugal, delivering the country on August 30th. Thus the little battle of Rolicia proved the major military engagement of this war of independence.

We might expect to find Napoleon pictured on French stamps, but the nearest France has come to honoring its most famous ruler has been to show the Arch of Triumph on the 5 franc

stamp of 1931. The massive arch was commenced in 1804 but the "man of destiny" never saw it completed. Completed in 1836, it is today one of the sights of Paris, covered with the names of victories of the Grand Armies and has reliefs of battles. There is a Na-



oleon pictured on French stamps, the Louis Napoleon, who as President of the Second Republic tried to imitate his famous uncle by becoming emperor. Here the resemblance ends for he proved to have little of the military prowess of his ancestor, despite his appearing on French stamps with a laurel wreath.

Notre Dame, where Napoleon crowned himself and Josephine on Dec. 2nd, 1804, appears on the 1930 airmail set and perhaps we can be glad that the airplane shown over the cathedral was not an invention of Napoleonic times.

Though the Corsican did not himself appear on stamps, a number of those he honored or defeated or humiliated do appear, as well as buildings made famous by his presence on historic occa-



Gustav V

Marshal Bernadotte's great-grandson.

sions. Of his generals we find two only, neither of which gained much distinction in the French ranks. One was a negro, Toussaint L'Ouverture, shown on the Haitian Independence set of 1904; and the other a mulatto, General Alexander Dumas, father of the famous novelist,

who appears with his son and grandson on the Haitian 1936 commemoratives.

Of all the kings created by Napoleon, the crowns with one exception have disappeared. Today in Sweden rules Gustav V, familiar to us on our stamps, great-grandson of Marshal Bernadotte, who deserted Napoleon in time of need, joining the allies in 1813-1814. In justice to Bernadotte, he perhaps realized that an end must come to the continual warfare.

Too, of all the monarchies opposing Napoleon, only one survives today, Britain. Alexander I of Russia stares from the Romanoff Tercentenary set of 1913, his ally, Emperor Francis II of Austria appearing on the 12 heller Austrians of 1908-10. Even Austerlitz where the two rulers suffered their disastrous defeat has disappeared, but on the 3.50 koruna 1936 stamp of the Czech Republic is shown the castle where that night of December 2nd, 1805, slept the new master of all Europe. Its name now is Slavkov, but it promises never to forget the event which made it scene of one of the greatest victories ever achieved by any military leader. Francis II's palace of Schonbrunn at Vienna also appears in the 1908-1910 set, reminding us that there the proud Hapsburgs were further humiliated by being forced to marry their daughter to the conqueror. For a while, just before Austerlitz, the palace had been Napoleon's headquarters.

The one ruble value of Russia's 1913 set shows the Kremlin, palace of the Czars, looted and partly destroyed by the Grand Army in 1812 just before the disastrous retreat. From it Napoleon himself was driven by the fire that laid waste the Russian capital, and in retaliation for which he ordered it blown up.

Three persons famous for defeating Napoleon are shown on stamps. Nelson who ended Bonaparte's hopes of sea power and limited his field to Europe by destroying the French fleet, appears on the Barbados issue of 1905, and his flagship on the Antigua issue of 1932. Two negroes who defeated and destroyed an army intended under Napoleon's brother-in-law to reconquer Haiti, also are shown on the 1904 Haiti set—Jean Dessalines and Alexander Petion with their fellow leader Toussaint.

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St. Helena, a small and unimportant island is well known today only because it was the last exile home of the Bonaparte "ogre" whom one historian declared would have been a blessing to mankind had he never been born. Its stamps make no reference to the famous "guest"—though the landing place at Jamestown, the only town, where the ex-emperor landed in 1815, is shown.

Waterloo and Napoleon are two names always associated. Victor Hugo, whose description of the battle in the novel Les Misérables has been acclaimed as the best ever written, appears on French stamps of recent years. But the crowning irony of all is the fact that Waterloo itself is the scene on a set of Belgian



stamps, but in name only is there any association with the world's greatest battle. Instead of reminding us of the carnage of 1815, the stamps of 1932 were issued for the purpose of saving lives! They picture no monument or battlefield, instead we see a tuberculosis sanatorium, to raise funds for which, the stamps were issued!

George VI Colonials

As of Dec. 3rd, 389 stamps were on order for the Crown Colonies. Those of the colonies with sterling currency have a face value totalling £26,4/6d and the ones for the non-sterling colonies totalling £11,10/-. Thus, a set of values so far on order would cost about \$190.00 at face value, with some colonies still to be heard from.

—Philatelic Trader.

South Africa Demonetizes

This notice was published by the Department of Posts on Oct. 15th: "It is notified for general information that on and after Jan. 1st, 1938, all pre-Union stamps will become invalid." This affects many stamps still valid, among them the Cape of Good Hope issues after the triangles, all Natal's after the first issue, Orange Free State, Transvaal and Griqualand.

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This year's bourse was limited in size, 28 dealers having tables around the walls of the exhibition room, business being reported as better than last year, perhaps due to the club's advertising the exhibition over the radio. Star frames of the 40 frame exhibit were two of the '47 issue, the other frames containing different layouts of specialties and countries.

The CoEds Orchestra again played during the banquet, but the impromptu master of ceremonies of last year was missing. To further emphasize philately's loss by the death of Mike Eidsness, a miniature sheet with a black "stamp" portraying the late Philatelic Agent was distributed by Geo. Linn to all present and we noticed everyone kept theirs. This is as close to having a special stamp issue as these Akron meetings have ever come, though in attendance they have outranked national conventions.

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—James Waldo Fawcett,
Wash. Sunday Star.

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The San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce reports they were unable to get a special postmark used on the covers carried on the first voyage to Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay and that all covers, though cancelled at the island, received only a regular postmark of San Francisco. They have now obtained a rubberstamp (not from the P. O.) reading "Cancelled at Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay" which they will apply to all the covers from the above event which are returned to them with sufficient postage for mailing the covers back to you under cover. Send to John D. Long, Cachet Director, S. F. Jr. C. of C., 465 California St., San Francisco, Calif.

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Kent B. Stiles, N. Y. Times.

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Your Washington Correspondent

By CHARLES A. KENNY, Washington Times Stamp Editor

As the following is written in advance of Christmas Day, nevertheless important information has been picked up along the Post Office front that should prove interesting in several quarters.

One hundred and fifty orders for the illustrated Government Printed booklet, A Description of United States Postage Stamps, is received daily. On December 15 (date that this article is being written) the total number of paper bound copies of the booklet sold has reached the amazing figure of 128,126, while the cloth-bound editions have amounted to 18,918.

The heavy sale of the booklets since December 1, has been brought about by the Christmas rush. The booklets make a fine gift for Christmas, and philatelists, realizing this, are purchasing the work in half-dozen lots to distribute to their friends.

The purchase of commemorative stamps at the Philatelic Agency during the Christmas shopping season has been heavy, as has also been the purchase of the higher denominations of the reg-

ular series, due to the fact that as soon as the new regulars begin to appear after the New Year, the regular stamps in stock will gradually disappear from the lists.

Commemorative stamps still on sale at the Agency at this time include the Texas, Oregon, Susan B. Anthony, Ordinance of 1787, Virginia Dare, Constitution, Hawaiian, Alaskan, Puerto Rican, and now the Virgin Island adhesive, in addition to the Army and Navy stamps.

It is suggested that those desiring to replenish their Texas and Oregon stamps should do so, as it is believed by Your Washington Correspondent that they will shortly go off sale.

The Philatelic Agent is not permitted to state how much stock is remaining on the shelves of any one particular commemorative, but the writer knows that the P. A. smiled when something was mentioned along these lines concerning the Oregon and Texas stamps. And that smile was dangerous.

The Philatelic Agent stated that orders for United States stamps during the Christmas tide, is not confined to United States purchases, but orders have been received from all over the world.

Several readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News and this column have written in asking why the Post Office Department does not sponsor a stamp commemorating Santa Claus. Mr. Robert E. Fellers, chief of the division of stamps states that owing to the heavy Christmas rush that "bottles" up the Post Office all over the country during the Season, it would be impossible to issue such a stamp at that time.

Aside from this such a stamp would be available for such a short time to be of national use.

It was suggested by one reader that the Post Office Department issue the Santa Claus stamp in the 1½ cent denomination, which is generally used on unsealed Christmas card envelopes.

In summing up this more or less Christmas correspondence, allow me to wish all readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

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The Philatelic Press, an Iowa paper, prints an article criticizing the Post Office Dept. for its edict against the precanceling of commemorative stamps, claiming that precancel collectors would otherwise have made every effort to have commemoratives used and that instead of being satisfied with just a single and block like most collectors with mint stamps, the precancel collector would try to get hundreds of copies. As supposed substantiation of these claims reference is made to the 2c Black Harding stamp. While it is true that if the general precanceling of commemoratives were permitted there would be some increase of sales of stamps to collectors, we think the line of reasoning in the article is a little warped. If this theory were put in force that all stamps should be sold and manufactured for which any sale exists, would not our U. S. collections be a sorry mess? Following up this idea, we would have Farleys every week—simply because someone stood ready to buy some of the darn things.

As far as the black Hardings being examples held up to precancel collector and post office, the average collector must shudder at the mere thought of a return of such an avalanche of entirely unnecessary and wildly speculative cancellations, many of rather shady Iowa origin. The very manner of precanceling at the various postoffices and the ease with which "rare" varieties of inflated value can be manufactured is the best argument against letting down the bars as the article suggests—or is that what the gentleman had in mind?

Prior to the inauguration of the new ruling that all commemorative precancels should be barred, the department had consistently discouraged precanceling of commemoratives. However, many legitimate varieties were used, principally from small offices which could not keep stocks of regular stamps as well as commems and from offices which desired to use up stamps not moving very well. The Iowa article implies that if their scheme were tried that the necessity of the precanceling of the commemoratives be of very minor import. Could the editor be a disciple of one of those countries whose stamp issuing motto must be "issue all the traffic will stand for and then some?" There is not one precancel collector in ten who would buy favor stuff, but there is no doubt a quantity could be unloaded (and that's the word) on the average U. S. collectors who know little of the

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ethics, etc., of precancels by favor, and it looks like this is the knowledge that inspires the article.

P. S. As we go to press, we learn that the Philatelic Press was destroyed by fire Dec. 13th. With short-circuits like the one about precanceling commons being originated in the plant, a fire was not surprising. The publishers claim: "Loss very great to philately." Nothing like a little modesty.

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Editor's Notebook

MORE FARLEYS? In a publicity release of Tuesday, Dec. 7th, the Post Office Department announced a number of new "postage stamp plate numbers issued during the month of November." The list is similar to other lists the department issues from time to time, but this one includes a number of special size plates, stamps from which are not known to have been issued and the sole explanation in the list for the manufacture of these plates are the cryptic words in parentheses: "For Exhibit." The list of these plates will be found in our last week Washington correspondent's column. Included are a 48 subject plate of the Virginia Dare, a 100 subject Su-

san Anthony plate, and 50 subject plates of various commemoratives starting with the 1c 1934 Parks. As we all know, these stamps were actually printed from plates four times these sizes, but we learn that the Department is printing sheets from these special size plates for exhibition purposes, and that "none are for sale."

We do not know who is the author of this "issue" of plates but the least that can be said is that the issue is entirely unnecessary. All 15 of these exhibit plates are flat plates, while of the 15 stamps they are supposed to exhibit (just how is not clear) only six were originally issued from flat plates, the other nine being printed from rotary plates and never having existed until now in the flat plate variety. Thus these plates contain nine potential new major varieties of U. S. stamps and remembering the events of 1935 we are thinking just what you are thinking as you read this.

What value are these sheets for any exhibit (other than an exhibit of time wasted)? These plates are not representative of the plates used to print our postage stamps, being of an entirely different size. The "stamps" printed from them are certainly not fair samples of our stamps as regularly issued, for the sheets would be different in size and layout and the individual "stamps" themselves would be different from those issued in nine instances.

There are enough "errors" of current and recent issues, floating around whose source is hushed and indefinite, frequently open to suspicion, without leaving the field wide open to a host of new varieties.

For years, the department has sent around to stamp exhibitions various frames of alleged stamps, usually claimed to be of great value and for which thorough police protection was requested. The frames were interesting to most of us, being artistic arrangements of imperforate specimens of many of our stamps—stamps that have never been issued, regularly or by error in that form. In short, the exhibits consisted of printers waste—at best proofs, but certainly not postage stamps. The labels thus exhibited actually had no value and police guarding would seem superfluous since if anyone did steal them, they could never be exhibited in a collection, sold to collectors or dealers or even used for postage, since the source of the stamps would be immediately obvious upon their appearance in philatelic circles. Perhaps we collectors are now to blame for the appearance of these 15 Exhibit varieties, for we should have pointed out to the department long ago that the frames were pointless exhibits and that what would make real exhibits would be the proofs, essays, original designs, etc., reg-

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But, if the department chooses to continue these "exhibit" items, let us not repeat the mistake of 1935. Then, on finding that some stamps in imper-

forate form were out, some misguided collectors demanded that such varieties be made available to everyone. Result, we had twenty varieties added to our U. S. collections. At the time, it was overlooked by most that the sheets which sneaked out had no catalog status. Certainly, since they had never been regularly issued, they could not have aspired to catalog listing. At best, they were only proofs and not postage stamps. So, if samples of this latest whim appear, let's keep our heads and not be suckers again to the tune of a million dollars. Let's call them proofs and essays and printer's waste, but never postage stamps.

What is needed is a strong protest against the very existence of these plates and if you take your collecting seriously, then you can do your share by writing in and demanding the destruction of these plates and sheets, and that the department stick to exhibits of material necessary in the manufacture of our stamps. Ziegfeld had a new edition of his Follies every year, but one of James Aloysius' is enough to last philately forever. There is no demand for a return engagement. And now is as good a time as any to demand a detailed statement of origin of any new "imperfs," part perfs and other minor varieties often not the "error" they are termed.

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I hope the Editor will permit me to take this opportunity of sincerely thanking all those readers who kindly sent me first day covers of the N. W. Territory, Constitution and Dare issues. In many instances, the names of senders were not attached to the covers and this leaves me in a rather embarrassing position, as it does not give me the opportunity of thanking them individually, but I shall try to make up this deficiency in friendly advice and help I can give to those American collectors who have included the Kangaroo and Kookaburra in their albums.

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Nicholas Murray Butler Philatelic Trophy

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University has lent his name to a trophy established by the stamp club at the university, Filatelikus, the trophy to be awarded the best frame of stamps showing original research, exhibited at the Annual Intercollegiate Philatelic Exhibition held at Columbia University, New York.

Of silver, 28 inches high the trophy is rather impressive in appearance, consisting of a massive column topped by three eagles supporting a globe surmounted by a figure of Victory. Shield-shaped plaques on the base provide for inscribing the names of winning colleges.

The next Intercollegiate Exhibition will be Feb. 23rd to 26th, 1938, and entries may be made from any college in the United States, its possessions and Canada. It is hoped that this trophy will stimulate interest in philately generally at colleges, providing incentive for clubs to be formed and for others to become more active. Though Dr. Butler does not collect stamps now, he did at one time and it is hoped his name will add prestige to the undertaking. Inquiries should be made concerning the exhibit to Frank Mackay, Secretary, Filatelikus, Box E, John Jay Hall, Columbia University, New York.

The Pocono Stamp Co., of Stroudsburg, Pa., received a special miniature issue of the 7 pounds denomination on Nov. 29th, titled Barbara Mae, the proud father, Forrest R. Smith, the owner of the shop, advises us. We understand they had first day covers.

W. C. Phillips & Co. advises us that the price of singles of No. 354 U. S. Coil in their adv. in the Nov. 27th Linn's should have been \$5.00.

"Then and Now"

The above is the title of a 44 page excellently printed booklet issued by Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England, telling the story in the manner that only Fred J. Melville can, of the famous firm, established in 1869. Profusely illustrated with fine photo-engravings, the booklet shows the rise of the firm to its present plant consisting of a building with 150 ft. frontage. This was a pioneer firm in "new issues" and some interesting details of this part of the business are told. One illustration is of the famous room papered with unused stamps which though completed in 1892 is still claimed a beautiful exhibit. The stamps used were some 61,000, chiefly reprints of various European countries, to complete the mosaic a skilled decorator having spent three months. The company's catalog, well known and popular on the other side of the Atlantic, is but one of their publications. The 37th edition, now current, lists 63,927 stamps as against the original 1899 edition listing 13,811 varieties.

STOP PRESS

Boulder City, Nev. will become a stop on A. M. 37 on January 1, 1938 or as soon thereafter as possible. Special cachet by the P. O. Dept. for first flight covers.

The French National Museum pair of stamps which so far have not been obtainable unused have been shown us on a "miniature sheet"—the two stamps being stuck to a small sheet of un-gummed paper with appropriate inscriptions and to which they are tied by the cancellation of the Louvre.

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According to the Houston Post clipping the stamps found included 114,000 of the 1c 1912, "7500 5c airmail stamps of 1925 and 400 2c special delivery stamps of the same year." It is interesting to note that there are no such stamps known to philately as the last two. Certainly, finding these two would be something!

(Clipping—A. E. Clarkson)

Unusual Combination?

W. H. Austin of Santa Barbara, Calif., reports a part cover having a 2c 1890 U. S. and 2c Canada 1899, both being cancelled "Skagway, Alaska, 1903." Since Skagway is only a few miles from the Canadian border the origin of the 2c stamp is perhaps explained, though why it was used is a mystery. Mr. Austin would like the solution.

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Stamp Collector Detective

The December issue of Popular Science prints an article on a Yonkers stamp collector and dealer, Mr. Frank Del Witt, who has acted as an amateur detective in a number of instances, solving various crimes or attempted ones by identifying the source of the stamps on pieces of mail connected with the cases. The philatelic Sherlock uses the marks made by the rollers and cutters of vending machines, the offcenter perforations and other minor variations in detecting the place of sale of those particular stamps.

The Red Menace

Nope, we're not going to warn you of the possibilities if a return to 2c commemoratives is made, but this heading was inspired by Brazil's having banned "Tom Sawyer" as a "communistic" writing. We expect to hear any day now that Linn's is similarly accused, but we wonder just what will happen if that proposed U. S. set to portray our authors, etc., includes Mark Twain? Will Brazil ban such a stamp because the author was "communistic" (by Brazilian standards) in his scribbings?

Miniature sheet collectors will find the article on the back of the Dec. 2nd Bulletin of the Mint Sheet Brokerage Co. of interest, and speculators of much interest.

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It seems that as soon as the above lists are printed, some dealers, and collectors as well, have been persisting in writing to the post masters of the places mentioned trying to get items listed. Unless this is STOPPED immediately this service of listing bureaus on order will have to be discontinued. Let us cooperate with Mr. Southgate.

BUREAU LISTS

The long awaited Bureau Print Price List of Stanley Gibbons is at hand. A list covering most every item of the Bureau field in most any condition you would want to purchase a stamp. It is very interesting to note their definition of condition of stamps. A GOOD item may be dt or in other words the perfs may touch or cut the design. A FINE stamp, is defined as the perfs just missing the design. Well centered items bring a 25% premium over Fine items. In the December Midwest Precancel Collector, ADOLPH GUNESCH has a similar list of bureau print offerings. It will be very interesting to compare these two lists and then compare each against the current catalog quotations.

ELGIN FAKES

I am advised by Hoover Bros. that fakes are circulating with the U-16 type being imitated on a number of the recent large size commemoratives. Items have been noted where one impression

ends on a stamp and another begins on the same stamp but NOT IN LINE with the first impression. More details as to other differences will be given later when the items have been compared more thoroughly. So beware of commemoratives from Elgin with the U-16 overprint, especially recent items.

NOTES

A lot submitted by B. F. Henry of Knoxville, Tenn., showed up the following interesting items: a 3c San Diego from Red Cloud, Minn., U-121; a 3c Northwest Terr. from Humboldt, Tenn., in U-120; 3c Susan B. Anthony from Utica, N. Y., in U-12 and one from Summit, N. J., in U-12; a 1c Ord. from Lancaster, Ky., in U-126; a 1c ord. from Yadkinsville, N. C., in U-121; 1c ord. Chapel Hill, N. C., U-121; 3c Stuart from East Flat Rock, N. C., U-121; a 3c Rhode Island and Susan B. from Morristown, Tenn., in U-121.

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